Iquitos Kidnapping

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After the recent kidnapping of a Peruvian businessman and reports of other targets possibly including Americans in the city of Iquitos, the Embassy is directing its employees in Iquitos to review their personal security posture. We urge American citizens in Iquitos to undertake their own review of security procedures in light of this information.

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